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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND UNESCO

1. DURING CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON MAY 7 TO DISCUSS WHO, ILO, AND UNESCO, ISRAELI MINISTER SHALEV SAID ISRAEL BELIEVED BOTH ACTIONS OF UNESCO'S 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD BE REVERSED AND ISRAEL IS WILLING COOPERATE WITH MOVES TO THIS END. SPECIFICALLY, SHALEV SAID THAT DESPITE DOUBTS ABOUT EFFORTS ON REGIONAL GROUP ISSUE, ISRAEL WOULD ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL MEETINGS PROVIDED IT IS CLEAR THAT AIM IS ULTIMATELY TO GET BOTH ACTIONS REVERSED. SHALEV SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY GENERAL CONFERENCE CAN REVERSE ITS ACTIONS AND THAT ISRAEL PREPARED WORK TOWARD REVERSAL BY STAGES.

2. ON JERUSALEM ISSUE, SHALEV SAID ISRAEL WOULD AGREE TO ANOTHER VISIT BY PROFESSOR LEMAIRE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UNESCO DG, BUT NOT OF COURSE AS RESULT RESOLUTIONS.
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